

# **R.A.I.C. NEWSLETTER**

## **January 2007**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

***FEBRUARY 2, 2007 - DINNER & CONCERT WITH THE "OTHER GUYS" AT FOREST HILLS COUNTRY CLUB - SEE FLYER***

***APRIL 2007 - ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER AT ROCKFORD COUNTRY CLUB***

***JUNE 2007 - FAMILY PICNIC AT THE SWANSON FARM***

### **REMAINING BASKETBALL GAME WATCHES AT OLD CHICAGO**

Mark these dates and attend our last five basketball game watches at Old Chicago this season.

1/20/07 - 1:00 p.m. - Wisconsin

1/30/07 - 8:00 p.m. - Michigan State

2/10/07 - 12 noon - Indiana

2/21/07 - 8:00 p.m. - Michigan

3/3/07 - TBA - Iowa

We want to thank Old Chicago and Manager Josh Binning for all their efforts to meet our basketball junkie needs. Josh and some of his crew worked at our beer tent this fall to help us raise scholarship funds. Old Chicago is also making a \$1000 donation to our scholarship fund.

***THANKS OLD CHICAGO AND GO ILLINI!***

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We currently have approximately 540 members in the club. Our membership dues continue to be \$15 per person or \$25 per couple per year. Please contact Karen Johnson with any names at 1364 Featherstone Road, 61107, or e-mail her at: [katlady217@aol.com](mailto:katlady217@aol.com)

*Several of you have not renewed your membership. Your address label indicates when your membership ends. If it says 9/06 please renew NOW or this could be the last newsletter you receive!*

### **ON-LINE APPAREL SALE**

Check out our website for some club apparel. The club receives an amount for every item sold. It is the only way to buy RAIC clothing!

### **ANNUAL BUS TRIP TO UNITED CENTER - ANOTHER FUN EXPERIENCE**

On December 9th the club sponsored our annual trek to the United Center to see our Fighting Illini win another one. This year we beat our big city campus, the UIC Flames, in a hard-fought battle at the UC. We had a full bus as usual, lots of great food and beverage, DVD entertainment, and Illini raffle prizes. If you have never gone on one of these trips, sign up next year - we promise a good time!

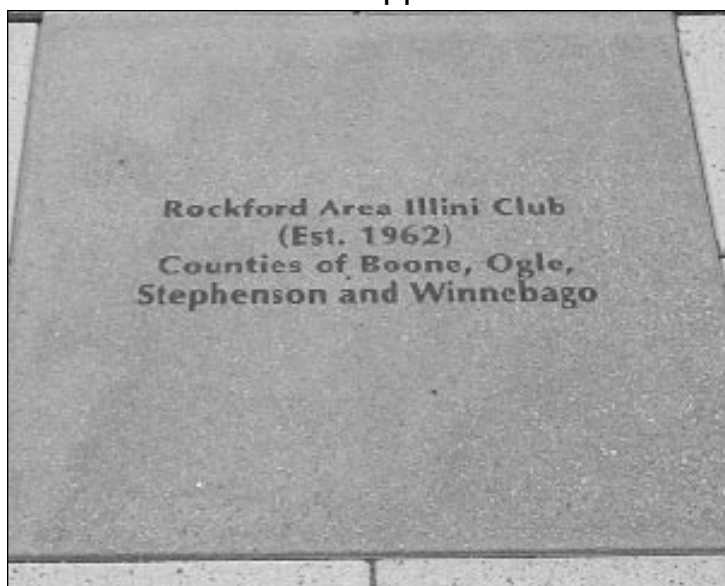
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## CHECK OUT OUR RAIC WEBSITE!!!

Almost everything you need to know about the club is featured on this website, including up-coming events, history of the club, and current club projects. Thanks to Board Member Jim Waddell, Jr. for keeping the site up to date. (Rockfordillini.com)

## RAIC PAYER DONATION

Pictured below is the RAIC paver at the new Alumni Center complex in Urbana. The paver is prominently displayed on the north patio overlooking Hallene Gate and the alumni fountain. When you are on campus check it out! Since the cost of the paver was over \$1000, we continue to seek donations for that expense. This keeps our club name known for prospective members and shows support to the Alumni



Association.

## ROCKFORD AREA ILLINI CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

A board of 15 individuals, who reside in our geographical area (Winnebago, Boone, Ogle and Stephenson Counties), organizes the events and operations of our club. The RAIC Board meets approximately 6 times per year to review finances and organize events of interest for our Illini friends. Board members serve for three years, with five board positions up for review every year. Please consider being an RAIC Board Member. We always are looking for new people! If not the board, perhaps you'd like to help with one of our many activities?

Co-President – Jerry Beger - 226-0824

Co-President – Jim Waddell, Jr. - 885-2556

Secretary - Connie Gritton-Winter - 745-2049

Treasurer – Laura Goodin - 637-1447

Membership - Karen Johnson - 229-1365

Media Liaison – Brandon Reid - 985-5416

### OTHER BOARD MEMBERS:

Randy Benjamin – 633 - 4350

Patti Bishop - 815-885-3042

(Member Spotlights)

Dean Coppernoll - 815-734-6345

(Special Events)

Phil Dierstein – 877-7693 (Scholarships)

Dr. Bill Erickson - 332-5919 (Special Events)

Dave Johnson - 397-3118 (Scholarships)

John Paulsgrove - 332-5580 (Newsletter)

Jim Reid - 226-4952 (TV games,  
Special Events)

Tad Rodenbeck - 289-0245  
Waterfront Tent)

**JOIN YOUR ILLINI FRIENDS FOR A VERY SPECIAL EVENT ON  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, AT FOREST HILLS COUNTRY CLUB -**

**NOTE THE DEADLINE!**

# The Other Guys

Known as a "comedy octet", The Other Guys is a group composed of some of the funniest (and strangest) guys on the Illinois campus. Every year since 1969, eight men have been selected from the Varsity Men's Glee Club to carry on the group's tradition of spontaneous humor, combined with impressive musical display. While making audiences laugh out loud one minute, they can tug at the heartstrings the next with their stirring rendition of "By Thy Rivers Gently Flowing, Illinois". Experience for yourself what some call the most unique collegiate a Capella group in the world.

This is a rare opportunity for those of us in the Rockford area. We have invited these young men up to perform in our community. Let's take advantage of this chance to enjoy some outstanding collegiate musical entertainment, a mixture of vocal excellence and humor.

**THE OTHER GUYS, Friday, February 2, at Forest Hills Country Club, 5135 Forest Hills Road**

6:00 p.m. - Social Hour (cash bar)

6:30 p.m. - Buffet Dinner

Menu – Chicken Marsala, BBQ Glazed Salmon, Pasta Primavera, Wild Rice, Baby Red Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Rolls, Tossed Salad or Caesar Salad, Coffee, Tea, Water

7:30 p.m. - Performance by "The Other Guys"

Cost: \$24.00 per person for dinner and entertainment

Questions: Contact Laura Goodin at 815-637-1447

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Amount remitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$24 per person)

Sent Reservations to: Laura Goodin  
3114 Carefree Drive  
Rockford, IL 61114

**DEADLINE: JANUARY 24, 2007**

## 2007 RAIC Membership or Renewal Form

Please make your check payable to RAIC (Rockford Area Illini Club)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(    ) Alum      (    ) Parent of UI Student      (    ) Friend/Fan  
(    ) \$15 Individual Membership      (    ) \$25 Couple Membership

Membership in the University of Illinois Alumni Association does not include membership in the Rockford Area Illini Club and vice versa. We coordinate activities with the Alumni Association, but we are separate organizations. Please share an invitation to join our club with a friend who would like to support the University of Illinois and its students, as well as be informed about ILLINI activities in the area. 75% of these dues go to our scholarship fund. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.

Mail membership to: Karen Johnson, 1364 Featherstone Rd., Rockford, IL 61107; 815/229-1365

*Note: The expiration date of your membership appears in the upper right corner of the mailing label.  
To keep receiving this newsletter and notices of upcoming events, you need to keep your membership current (i.e. 9/06 expiration), so if you haven't sent yours in, please do so now!*

